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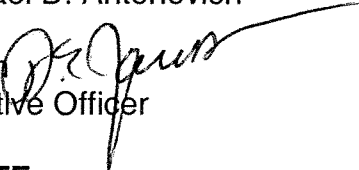
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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

State Budget

Our Sacramento Advocates have learned that the Senate may not concur with the Assembly's budget action to restore \$16.1 million to the Corrections Training Fund. The restoration is worth approximately \$3.6 million to the Probation Department and the Sheriff. The bill containing the restoration, SB 1042 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), is awaiting action by the Senate Rules Committee. Our Sacramento Advocates, the California State Association of Counties, the Chief Probation Officers of California and other public safety advocates are actively communicating with members of the Senate to urge passage of SB 1042.

Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

SB 18 (Burton), as amended on August 25, 2003, would create a procedure in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) to determine whether a proposed project may adversely change a traditional tribal cultural site (TTCS), and to recommend project changes and mitigation measures to avoid or reduce the impact of adverse changes.

Specifically, among its many provisions, SB 18 would 1) establish the Native American Traditional Tribal Cultural Site Register managed by the NAHC, containing qualified TTCS that may be affected by a proposed project; 2) create a two-track CEQA review process for proposed projects whereby the lead agency will review a proposed project

and determine if it will adversely affect a TTCS, and at the same time, a Native American tribe may request the NAHC to review the proposed project and determine if a site may be affected, and make recommendations for mitigation; 3) lower the standard of damages to a TTCS from severe or irreparable, to significant and irreparable, thereby increasing the number of proposed projects the NAHC or a tribe can file a case against and seek protective measures; 4) restrict public disclosure of information pertaining to the identity, location, or character, or use of a TTCS and require a court to conduct closed hearings and seal the records of the proceedings if disclosure would create a risk of harm to the site; 5) require each city or county planning agency to consult with the NAHC and affected Native American tribes regarding a new or amended General Plan or Specific Plan, and to provide opportunities for the involvement of Native American tribes regarding protecting and managing the site; and 6) revise the duties and composition of the NAHC, and create procedures for the NAHC and Native American tribes to take title to conservation easements.

According to the Department of Regional Planning, SB 18 would give the NAHC broad powers to influence local land use decisions, and create complexity and ambiguity in existing local land use planning and decision-making. The potential impact of SB 18 on the planning process is very broad. For example, by identifying only a small number of TTCS, the bill's provisions could be applied to the entire Los Angeles County area. This will reduce the County's authority to determine appropriate land uses, and to approve General or Specific Plans.

Under SB 18, the NAHC would have between 45 and 120 days to determine if a project would impact a TTCS, and to provide findings and mitigation measures that lead agencies must consider. Depending on the NAHC or a Tribes' interests and expertise, this additional procedure may significantly lengthen the review time for projects.

Additionally, the language outlining a lead agency's responsibilities is unclear. For example, a public agency is prohibited from approving or carrying out a project that will result in a substantial adverse change to a TTCS unless it has made a good faith effort to consult with affected Native American tribes and the NAHC, and the agency finds that all available means for preserving the site have been considered to the maximum extent possible. A "good faith effort", "all available means", and "maximum extent possible", are terms not defined by statute and could lead to litigation.

A major purpose of the existing EIR process is to study and analyze significant impacts and mitigation measures in great detail and make these findings available for public review and comment. This bill proposes to restrict public disclosure of information such as the identification, location, or character of a TTCS and associated mitigation measures. This is in conflict with the purpose of an EIR document, and with our full public disclosure requirement.

Therefore, Regional Planning is not supportive of SB 18. **Based on current Board Policy to oppose legislation that infringes upon the County Board of Supervisors' local land use decision-making authority, our Sacramento advocates will oppose SB 18.** The County opposed related legislation last year, SB 1828 (Burton), which the Governor vetoed.

SB 18 is scheduled to be considered by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 29, 2003. According to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee analysis, the registered support includes Governor Gray Davis, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, and sixty-one American Indian organizations. Opposed are; Alliance for Habitat Conservation, American Planning Association California Chapter, Association of California Water Agencies, Association of Environmental Professionals, California Business Roundtable, California Chamber of Commerce, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Forestry Association, California State Association of Counties, California State Council of Laborers, and seventy other organizations including cities, counties, chambers of commerce, and professional organizations.

Pursuit of Position on County Budget Item

On June 23, 2003, the Board endorsed County efforts to secure State funding of at least \$1.8 million to continue the operation of Castaic Lake. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will pursue a State appropriation of at least this amount to maintain the lake's functions.**

Status of County-Interest Legislation

The Legislature has made substantial progress on the hundreds of bills that remain to be acted on before the interim recess. Several issues of interest to the County will be considered this week. Attached is a listing of bills on which we have taken a position as of August 21, 2003.

County-supported AB 55 (Correa), which would amend the 1937 County Employee Retirement Act and allow an employee to purchase up to 5 years of service credit without any requirement that the credit reflect actual service, passed the Assembly on concurrence on August 21, 2003 by a vote of 72 to 3. The bill now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 327 (Runner), which would authorize a city or county to assess an additional penalty of \$100 for violating parking provisions relating to parking privileges for the disabled, and require that the additional fine be applied to offsetting the cost of establishing a disabled parking enforcement program, received technical amendments on August 20, 2003, and passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on a vote of 8 to 1. The bill proceeds to the Senate floor.

County-supported AB 355 (Pacheco), which would amend the Welfare and Institutions Code's definition of "escape from custody" by a juvenile to include "escape from a regional facility, a privately owned facility, or from a field trip site", received Assembly concurrence on Senate amendments on August 21, 2003 by a vote of 74 to 0, and awaits action by the Governor.

County-supported AB 408 (Steinberg), which seeks to ensure that no child is emancipated from the foster care system without a connection to a committed and caring adult, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File on August 18, 2003.

The Assembly concurred with Senate amendments to **County-supported AB 458 (Chu)**, which would provide that foster children, and persons providing care and services to foster children, have the right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits, and protection from discrimination or harassment, by a vote of 46 to 28. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

The Senate concurred with Assembly amendments to **County-sponsored SB 59 (Escutia)**, which would shorten the amount of time for adoption appeals, by a vote of 34 to 0. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 936 (Reyes), which creates a new crime of trespass related to stalking when a defendant knowingly enters or remains in a neonatal unit, maternity ward, or birthing center located in a hospital or clinic without lawful business to pursue, passed the Senate on August 21, 2003 on a vote of 39 to 0, and returned to the Assembly for concurrence with Senate amendments.

County-supported AB 1479 (Chu), which would delete the Department of Motor Vehicles exclusive control over the monitoring of the traffic violator school program and continue the courts' control over the monitoring, was sent to the Senate floor on August 18, 2003.

County-supported, if amended, SB 196 (Kuehl), which would change the way two members of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) are selected, making it possible for one county supervisor and one mayor or city council member to be appointed to the RWQCB, has been sent to enrollment, after its Assembly amendments were concurred in by the Senate on August 21, 2003, by a vote of 39 to 0.

County-supported SB 469 (Scott), which would authorize a school district to use its allowance from the Instructional Material Funding Realignment Program to purchase instructional materials for the visual and performing arts, foreign language, and health, if it certifies that it has provided each pupil with standard text books or basic instructional material in reading/language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science,

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passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 20, 2003, and now proceeds to the Assembly floor.

County-supported SB 919 (Ortiz), which would add code enforcement officers, which includes any person who has enforcement authority for health, safety and welfare requirements, to the list of specified officers or other persons protected under the Penal Code, and provides expansion of the protection statute if a person commits assault or battery against a code enforcement officer such as the County's Environmental Health Specialists, received Senate concurrence on Assembly amendments on August 21, 2003 by a vote of 39 to 0, and now awaits action by the Governor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2003-04 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 26	Pacheco, Leslie	Support (Board Action: 3/11/03)	Would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide information on the Internet regarding registered sex offenders who are serious or high risk offenders and appropriates an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the DOJ to create the website.	Assembly Public Safety
AB 28	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/8/03)	Would enact the Firefighting Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment Act of 2003, which would provide funding to purchase hazardous material response apparatus and equipment to State and local agencies. This measure would allow the Director of the State Office of Emergency Services to implement the program subject to the legislature's appropriation of Federal funds for these purposes. Also clarifies how the equipment may be used in a manner consistent with the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.	Senate Appropriations
AB 31	Runner	Oppose (Board Action: 1/28/03)	Would re-appropriate \$203 million in FY 2003-04 and distribute the funds to schools based on actual pupil attendance.	Assembly Education
AB 44	Pacheco	County-Sponsored	Would address technical issues regarding the notification of various parties of juvenile court proceedings to determine, review, revise or terminate the status of a child as a dependent child of the court. Urgency measure.	Senate Desk
AB 55	Correa	Support if Amended to provide more fiscal and administrative control to county boards of supervisors (Board Action: 6/3/03)	Would amend the 1937 County Employee Retirement Act and allow an employee to purchase up to 5 years of service credit without any requirement that the credit reflect actual service. To be eligible, the employee must have completed at least five years of service and purchase this time by a lump sum payment within 120 days following retirement or through installments over a period of up to 10 years.	Governor's Desk
AB 74	Mountjoy	Support (Board Action: 1/14/03)	Would make it a felony or a misdemeanor to evade arrest and increase penalties for evading arrest where injury is caused.	Failed Passage in Assembly Public Safety

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AB 83	Corbett	Support (Board Memo: 5/30/03)	NOW: Was recently amended to specify a method for the distribution of the consumer confidence report and exempt water haulers from the consumer confidence report requirement.	Senate Appropriations
		Support and Amend to specify a method for the distribution of the consumer confidence report and exempt water haulers from the consumer confidence report requirement (Board Action: 2/11/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required each water bottler, water vendor, water hauler and retail water facility to prepare and distribute annual consumer confidence reports, be subject to annual inspections by the State Department of Health Services, and reimburse the State for costs incurred for inspections and enforcement activities.	
AB 87	Bogh	Support (Board Memo: 4/11/03)	Would, in the event of a budget impasse, provide a continuous appropriation to the Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service Workers Fund created by the bill to pay workers' compensation for injuries incurred by disaster service volunteers in the event of a budget impasse. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 102	Pacheco	Support (Board Action: 3/11/03)	Would amend the current Unfair Competition Law to curb private attorney abuse of filing suits that lack merit and provide relief from the frivolous lawsuits filed by trial attorneys against businesses in California.	Failed passage in Assembly Judiciary; Reconsideration granted
AB 120	Wyland	Support (Board Action: 3/18/03)	Would appropriate \$1.1 million from Proposition 50 bond funds to address the problem of Caulerpa taxifolia, an extremely evasive saltwater alga that is a serious threat to the marine ecosystem.	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
AB 136	Kehoe	Oppose (Board Memo: 3/4/03)	NOW: Would provide an extended workers' compensation leave to police officers and sheriffs as well as firefighters. PREVIOUSLY: Would have provided firefighters with a tax-free, two-year leave of absence without loss of salary in lieu of temporary disability for a work-related injury. Existing law provides for a one-year tax free leave of absence.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 185	Horton	Support if Amended to provide funding for the positions (Board Memo: 6/23/03)	Would require Los Angeles County to make temporary positions in the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department Insect Detection Program full-time, permanent positions.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 206	Richman	Oppose (Board Memo: 5/20/03)	Would enact the Emergency Health Powers Act and would define the powers of both State and local health authorities during a declared public health emergency. Would require the Governor to appoint a Public Health Emergency Planning Commission to develop a Statewide emergency plan, and combines many of the existing powers of State and local health officers to control and prevent the spread of disease with existing emergency powers of the Governor. It also grants the Governor the power to declare a state of public health emergency and confers broad powers on the Governor during an emergency, such as the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing procedures for State business and to use all available resources of the State and local governments.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 231	Steinberg	Oppose Unless Amended to remove the provision ending the use of SFIS (Board Memo: 3/20/03)	Would: 1) exempt one vehicle as a resource for CalWORKs and Food Stamps; 2) repeal the requirement of statewide fingerprint imaging to determine eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps; 3) require each county welfare department to provide transitional food stamp benefits for five months to households terminated from the CalWORKs program; and 4) place in statute the existing regulation requiring county welfare departments to waive the face-to-face interview for hardship determinations for purposes of Food Stamp eligibility and permit the person to use an alternative interview method.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 261	Maddox	Support (Board Action: 2/25/03)	Would allow the District Attorney the option to charge illegal pharmaceutical dealers with either a misdemeanor or a felony ("wobbler").	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 327	Runner	Support (Board Memo: 7/22/03)	NOW: Would eliminate the increase in the minimum fine and, instead authorize a city or county to assess an additional penalty of \$100 for violating parking restrictions and require that the additional fine be applied toward offsetting the cost of establishing a disabled parking enforcement program.	Senate Floor
		Support (Board Action: 5/20/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have increased the minimum fine from \$250 to \$500 for improper use of disabled persons' distinguishing license plates or placards, or illegally parking in a stall or space designated for disabled persons.	

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AB 348	Chu	Support and Amend to require a physical check-up to determine that the patient does not have a medical condition in addition to a mental disorder (Board Action: 4/22/03)	Would allow a psychologist, in addition to a psychiatrist, to release a patient from an involuntary commitment when the psychologist is responsible for the continued treatment of the patient, and when the decision to release is based on their personal observation which would improve the quality of care by eliminating unnecessary time in commitment for patients whose condition has improved to the point where continued commitment is unwarranted.	Chapter 94 of 2003
AB 355	Pacheco	Support (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	Would amend the Welfare and Institutions Code's Section definition of escape from custody by a juvenile to include escape or attempted escape from a regional facility (defined as any facility used by one or more public entities for the confinement of juveniles for more than 24 hours), a privately owned facility, or from a field trip site.	Governor's Desk
AB 380	Steinberg	Support (Board Memo: 4/1/03)	Would require the restructuring of the Children's System of Care program to include children's outcome measurements by requiring each county that participates in the program to collect and annually provide to the State Department of Mental Health information that demonstrates the effectiveness of the program based on outcomes achieved for individual participants.	Senate Floor
AB 408	Steinberg	Support and Amend to resolve County concerns regarding potential liability and a phased approach to implementation (Board Action: 5/13/03)	Would seek to ensure that no child be emancipated from the foster care system without a connection to a committed and caring adult by requiring social workers to make additional reports at various times throughout the dependency process regarding efforts to identify and maintain a child's relationships with individuals who are important to the child. Would also make other changes to existing law, including establishing a "prudent parent" standard for foster caregivers in order to allow foster kids to engage in age-appropriate activities.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 431	Mountjoy	Support (Board Memo: 3/4/03)	Would establish a burden of proof under workers' compensation for injuries to be classified as job-related. Individuals filing cumulative injury claims would have to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the injury was substantially caused by actual employment activities.	Assembly Insurance

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AB 435	Matthews	Oppose Unless Amended to authorize the Court to contract-out the monitoring of traffic violator schools to the Housing Authority or other organizations (Board Memo: 4/11/03)	Would make various changes to traffic violator school curriculum, authorize schools to offer the curriculum on the internet, and shift responsibility for monitoring traffic schools from the Superior Court (Court) to the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This measure would prohibit the DMV from contracting with any agency that has a contract with the courts to provide in-court administrative services. The County of Los Angeles Housing Authority currently is under contract with the courts to provide in-court administrative services and receives \$600,000 to monitor traffic violator schools.	Assembly Transportation
AB 458	Chu	Support (Board Action: 7/8/03)	Would provide that foster children (and persons providing care and services to foster children) have the right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits, and protection from discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status. Also requires training on the expanded rights to be included within existing training for licensed foster parents, relative caregivers, group home administrators and licensing staff.	Governor's Desk
AB 490	Steinberg	Support and Amend to seek provisions to avoid it becoming an unfunded mandate (Board Memo: 8/1/03)	NOW: Was recently amended to strike language requiring the State Department of Education and local educational agencies to provide, arrange, and pay for the child's transportation. This measure is now silent on the issue of which agency/individuals will ultimately be held responsible for transportation costs.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
		Support (Board Action: 4/22/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have sought to ensure all students in foster care had the opportunity to meet the same academic achievement standards as other students, and were placed in the least restrictive educational program with access to the same academic resources and services as other pupils.	
AB 496	Correa	Support if Amended to expand conservancy board to 15 voting members, to include a County Supervisor and a representative from the San Gabriel Valley COG, and prohibit the SARC from entering into a joint powers authority or other authority that has the power to use eminent domain (Board Action: 5/13/03)	Would establish the Santa Ana River Conservancy (SARC) to acquire and direct the management of public lands in the Santa Ana River watershed with a governing board of 13 voting members and nine non-voting members. The SARC would have the ability to acquire property but such purchases must be made from willing sellers, at fair market value, and must be mutually beneficial to the seller and SARC. The SARC and the State Public Works Board would be prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain for land acquisition.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 578	Leno	Support (Board Memo: 8/18/03)	Would create the Electronic Recording Delivery System Act of 2003 which would authorize counties, upon approval of their Board of Supervisors and certification by the Attorney General, to record: 1) real property documents in the form of a "digitized electronic record"; and 2) an instrument of reconveyance, a substitution of trustee, or an assignment of deed of trust in the form of a "digital electronic record". Would also create a pilot project to allow 12 counties (including Los Angeles) to record any real property document through a digital electronic record. Urgency measure.	Senate Judiciary
AB 749	Matthews	Oppose (Board Memo: 5/8/03)	Would repeal the requirement of statewide fingerprint imaging to determine eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps.	Assembly Human Services
AB 834	LaSuer	Oppose (Board Action: 4/22/03)	Would change State law to require police agencies to destroy after a five-year retention period, complaints and reports or findings relating to complaints, as recommended by the Sheriff and Office of Independent Review.	Failed passage in Assembly Public Safety Reconsideration granted
AB 936	Reyes	Support (Board Memo: 6/10/03)	NOW: Was amended to delete the language creating the crime of baby stalking, and instead creates a new crime of trespass related to stalking, which will occur when a defendant knowingly enters or remains in a neonatal unit, maternity ward, or birthing center located in a hospital or clinic without lawful business to pursue. This measure is co-joined with AB 1263 (Benoit) and SB 993 (Poochigian).	Assembly (Concurrence in Senate Amendments)
		Support (Board Action: 4/1/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended the Penal Code to include protections against "baby stalking", which was defined as any person who loiters, prowls, or wanders about, and refuses to leave, or fails to leave a neonatal unit, maternity ward, or birthing center located in a hospital or clinic when requested to leave by authorized personnel.	
AB 946	Berg	Support (Board Memo: 7/7/03)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency and instead authorize clean needle and syringe exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors, and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor, and the local health officer.	Senate Floor

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AB 968	Correa	No Position Oppose (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care. PREVIOUSLY: Would have created a job-related presumption for workers' compensation or disability retirement for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance.	Conference Committee
AB 1051	Goldberg	Oppose Unless Amended to provide that it has no retroactive effect and keep intact the existing "nondiscriminatory" requirement relating to capital facility fees (Board Memo: 5/15/03)	Would eliminate the "nondiscriminatory" rate requirement with regards to "capital facility fees". Existing law provides that capital facility fees charged to public agencies (such as the County) by public utilities such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) must be nondiscriminatory, which means that LADWP is only allowed to charge the County its pro-rata share of LADWP capital costs, based on the County's power usage. This measure would relieve LADWP of its current legal duty not to charge the County in excess of the County's pro-rata share of LADWP capital costs.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1141	Diaz	Oppose (Board Memo: 5/30/03)	Would amend the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act relating to employee-employer relations and agency shop agreements to allow confidential and supervisory employees to be included in an agency shop.	Governor's Desk
AB 1151	Dymally	No Position Oppose (Board Memo: 4/28/03)	NOW: Was amended to declare legislative intent that nothing in the <i>Terrell R.</i> decision shall be held to change the standards of liability and immunity for injuries to children in protective custody that existed prior to that decision. PREVIOUSLY: Would have made several changes to existing law regarding county and social worker liability, including, but not limited to overturning the decision of <i>Terrell R. v. County of Los Angeles (2002)</i> . Existing law immunizes counties and their social workers from liability for discretionary placement decisions. In <i>Terrell R.</i> the court held that the County and social worker were not civilly liable for injuries occurring to a child while in foster care.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1153	Bermudez	County-Sponsored	Would criminalize the unlawful or unauthorized use, manufacture or sale of any official State, county, city, city and county or agency badge and/or associated photographic identification cards with two exceptions: 1) the use of a badge in a fictitious or historical depiction of a public officer or employee; and 3) a badge supplied by a recognized employee organization that represents firefighters. Urgency measure.	Assembly (Concurrence in Senate Amendments)

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AB 1154	Frommer	Support (Board Memo: 5/28/03)	Would exempt the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) positions, which affect timely review of hospital construction plans, from any State hiring freezes and curtailments, and authorizes OSHPD to increase staffing financed by the Hospital Building Fund. Urgency measure.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1314	Parra	Support and Amend to eliminate the sunset date and to require disclosure of the work and residential addresses of serious, or high-risk sex offenders (Board Memo: 7/22/03)	Would extend the provisions of Megan's Law, which requires adult and juvenile sex offenders to register with local law enforcement agencies and makes it a felony to willfully fail to register, from January 1, 2004, to January 1, 2007. The law also authorizes a law enforcement agency to notify citizens if a child or other person, that the offender is likely to encounter, may be at risk from serious or high-risk sex offenders and requires the State Department of Justice to operate a 900 telephone number that the public may call to inquire whether a named individual is listed as a registered sex offender.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1320	Dutra	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/11/03)	Would change redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to amend existing redevelopment projects or establish new Transit Village Redevelopment Plans (TVRP) centered on a rail transit station, extending up to one-half mile from the rail station; 2) making affordable housing a "characteristic" to be addressed by a TVRP; 3) creating new "blight" criteria for TVRP projects; and 4) extending the tax increment benefit to 60 years and exempt or cap TVRP's obligation to pass-through a share of tax growth to cities and counties.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 1324	Steinberg	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	Would provide medical benefits under workers' compensation for dependents of law enforcement or firefighting employees who contract a blood borne disease from exposure to the employee. If the dependent elects to receive workers' compensation benefits, they forfeit their rights to file any civil claims.	Conference Committee
AB 1405	Wolk	Support (Board Memo: 7/9/03)	NOW: Would encourage the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Resources Agency to provide assistance and grants to those who choose to participate in watershed enhancement and restoration.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
		Support (Board Memo: 4/16/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have enacted the California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act and declared the policy of the State to endorse voluntary local, collaborative watershed partnerships as being in the State's interest in terms of effectiveness, citizen involvement and community responsibility.	

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AB 1432	Firebaugh	Support (Board Action: 6/3/03)	Would eliminate provisions of California law which bar California prosecution based on foreign convictions or acquittals, but at the same time, would provide credit for actual time served in a foreign country for the same crime.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1469	Negrete-McLeod	County-Sponsored	Would authorize the court to grant a continuance not to exceed ten days if a report is not provided to the parties within a reasonable time before the dependency hearing.	Senate Inactive File
AB 1470	Vargas	Oppose (Board Memo: 3/12/03)	Would eliminate the Board of Supervisors authority to increase wages and benefits for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers by authorizing an increase in IHSS wages and benefits by voter initiative. Certain criteria must be met before the initiative can be placed on the ballot, including: 1) a requirement that the employer of record and the employee organization have reached an impasse and that impasse procedures have been exhausted; and 2) the appointment of a fact finder to determine the amount of county funds available, outside of realignment accounts, to pay for the proposed wage increase.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1479	Chu	Support (Board Memo: 7/9/03)	Would delete the Department of Motor Vehicles exclusive control over the monitoring of the traffic violator school (TVS) program and continue the courts' control over the monitoring of the TVS program. Under current law, the courts are responsible for monitoring the TVS program have contracted with the Los Angeles Housing Authority to monitor certain TVS programs.	Senate Floor
AB 1480	Richman	Support (Board Memo: 4/25/03)	Would make significant changes in workers' compensation law, including requiring an applicant for employment, upon the request of an employer, to disclose whether he or she has been convicted of committing any workers' compensation fraud or been convicted of violating other specified unlawful acts relating to fraud.	Assembly Insurance
AB 1481	Richman	Support (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	Would require that all reports and medical exams submitted to the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to determine employee disability or compensation awards address the percentage that the work-related illness, disease or injury contributed to the employee's disability or death and provide that permanent disability or death benefits are not payable unless the work-related injury contributed at least 10 percent to the cause or disability when compared to all other causes in total.	Assembly Insurance

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AB 1482	Richman	Support (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	Would require that the Administrative Director of the State Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation Division, include outpatient surgery facilities and emergency rooms in the official fee schedule by January 1, 2005 and requires that all medical services provided to the injured worker from the date of injury be subject to the official fee schedule regardless of when the injury is accepted as being work related. The workers' compensation fee schedule is tied to the Medicare schedule.	Assembly Insurance
AB 1483	Richman	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (Board Memo: 4/23/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the State to develop an annual training program for claims representatives and disability evaluators.	
		Support (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	INITIALLY: Would have established a mandatory certification program for all physicians that treat or evaluate workers' compensation claims and would have been effective starting January 1, 2006.	
AB 1531	Longville	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/1/03)	Would revise existing primary election laws to mandate that the Statewide direct primary election be held on different days than the presidential primary elections, and require the Statewide direct primary election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of each even-numbered year instead of the first Tuesday in March in each even-numbered year.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1579	Cogdill, Richman	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (Board Memo: 5/14/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended prohibitions on physician referrals in workers' compensation cases to self or family owned outpatient surgical services and suppliers.	
AB 1597	Runner	County-Sponsored	Would establish a new licensing category, known as the multi-service ambulatory care center (MACC) that would be administered by the State Department of Health Services (DHS). Urgency measure. However, this bill is no longer necessary because County DHS has reached an administrative agreement with the State DHS to license the MACC.	Assembly Health
AB 1608	Liu	Support (Board Action: 4/29/03)	Would allow an individual who is 17 years old and will be 18 years old by the date of the next general election, to register and vote in any intervening primary or special election.	Assembly Elections, Redistricting and Constitutional Amendments

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AB 1618	Firebaugh	Support and Amend to require rail companies to report such events first to the Sheriff or local police as appropriate, and then to the OES (Board Memo: 8/1/03)	Would address the responsibilities of rail companies and local authorities during emergency situations where there is a runaway train or derailment, or if a derailment appears to be imminent, by requiring the all rail companies in California to develop a protocol for rapid communication with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and any county sheriff's department in an endangered area.	Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications
AB 1676	Dutra	Support (Board Memo: 7/3/03)	Would require the blood of a pregnant woman that is currently drawn to test for blood type and hepatitis B to also be tested for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), unless the woman refuses.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1683	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 8/12/03)	Would require child day care facilities to post copies of licensing reports, including reports from annual site visits and reports of substantiated complaints against the facility in a conspicuous place in order to provide parents with necessary information regarding the well-being of their children.	Senate Floor
AB 1690	Leno	Oppose (Board Memo: 8/20/03)	NOW: Was amended to re-instate County-oppose provisions which would authorize a local personal income tax to benefit public safety, including local emergency and trauma care.	Senate Desk
		No Position	PREVIOUSLY: Was amended to become an intent bill to examine allowing local governments to impose an income tax.	
		Oppose (Board Action: 6/24/03)	INITIALLY: Would have authorized a city or county to form a "public safety finance agency" to finance supplemental fire protection, police or sheriff services and/or capital improvements, and further authorized a local government that does so to levy a local income tax for general purposes, subject to approval by a majority of voters. Would have designated the governing body of a city, county, or city and county that forms a public safety finance agency as the governing body of the public safety finance agency.	
AB 1716	Human Services Committee	Support (Board Memo: 6/13/03)	Would reinstate a mechanism temporarily used during the 1990's to restore base realignment funding for the caseload-driven portion of the Social Services Account in any year following a year in which revenues are not sufficient to fully fund the base, resulting in a permanent reduction in the base. Would allow for a one-time supplement of the base and would expire after the base is restored.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1738	Assembly Health	Support (Board Memo: 4/25/03)	Would lower the hot holding temperature requirement for the retail food industry from 140 degrees F to 135 degrees F.	Senate Floor

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ACA 1	Longville	Support only the provision of the bill that provides the budget and any related legislation may be passed by majority vote (Board Action: 2/11/03)	Would provide that the State budget and any related legislation may be approved by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote and requires legislators to forfeit their pay until the budget is passed. The County does not have a position of the provision of ACA 1 that requires legislators to forfeit their pay until the budget is passed.	Assembly Budget
ACR 14	Nakano	Support (Board Action: 2/18/03)	Would declare February 19, 2003 as a Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII and would encourage the annual observance of this day in subsequent years.	Resolution Chapter 5 of 2003
SB 1	Speier	Support (Board Action: 2/25/03)	Would prohibit banks, insurance companies and other financial businesses from providing personal information about customers such as salary, bank account transaction, credit card information and purchases, to telemarketing and other third parties.	Governor's Desk
SB 2	Burton, Speier	Support (Board Action: 4/29/03)	Would create the Health Insurance Act of 2003 and declare the intent of the Legislature to ensure health care coverage for all working Californians and their families.	Conference Committee
SB 12	Bowen	Support (Board Action: 3/4/03)	Would make it a crime to send unsolicited commercial emails from California or to any email address in the State and allow individuals the right to sue spammers for up to \$500 per violation.	Assembly Business and Professions
SB 21	Machado	Support (Board Memo: 5/15/03)	Would require various State agencies to establish guidelines for implementing Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, including requiring the guidelines to provide for an open, transparent competitive grant process, with projects evaluated solely on the basis of merit and need.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 24	Figueroa	Support (Board Memo: 5/15/03)	Would simplify Medi-Cal enrollment procedures for pregnant women and infants under the age of 1 by: 1) creating electronic enrollment processes for pregnant women and hospital newborns and deeming newborns born to mothers on Medi-cal eligible themselves for Medi-Cal for their first year of life; 2) requiring the State Department of Health Services (DHS) to permit hospitals to enroll these "deemed eligible" infants, if federal and private funds are available; 3) requiring DHS to permit the enrollment in Medi-Cal of pregnant women, if federal and private funds are available; and 4) requiring the simplification of its enrollment form for pregnant women. Would also limit the cost to the State of these Gateway modifications to \$196,000.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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SB 40	Alpert	Support (Board Memo: 3/4/03)	Would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2004 for submission to the voters at the 2004 direct primary election. It would authorize issuance of \$2 billion in State general obligation bonds to finance library construction and renovation.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 50	Sher	Support (Board Action: 2/11/03)	Would enact legislation containing a comprehensive statutory framework that would ensure that provisions similar to those in the California Safe Drinking Water Act apply to each water bottler, water vendor, water hauler and retail water facility.	Senate Desk
SB 59	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 2/11/03) and County-Sponsored	Would establish a writ procedure for the review of all placement orders affecting the adoption of children which would shorten the amount of time on adoption appeals.	Governor's Desk
SB 64	Speier	Support (Board Action: 3/4/03)	Would protect homeowners from unfair methods of competition and deceptive acts in the business of insurance canceling, refusing to renew, or refusing to make an offer of a policy in violation of specified provisions, and would prohibit any insurance institution or agent from refusing to offer or refuse to renew coverage on a property, because of any inquiry about policy coverage or because of a notification of a loss by the insured to an insurer, when that notification is not intended by the insured to be a claim under the policy.	Assembly Insurance
SB 108	Romero	Support (Board Memo: 2/5/03) and Board Action: 2/11/03)	Would establish a five-cent fee per alcoholic beverage distributed by a wholesaler to a retailer for consumption in the State of California to fund local emergency medical services providers.	Senate Desk
SB 125	Chesbro	Oppose (Board Memo: 3/13/03)	Would add county welfare fraud investigators and inspectors to the list of those eligible for public safety workers' compensation disability benefits, thereby exposing counties to additional costs because existing law entitles welfare fraud investigators to temporary disability payments at two-thirds of their salary while this measure provides a tax-free, full salary to these employees.	Assembly Floor

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SB 139	Brulte	County-Sponsored	Would improve the "Safe Haven Law" by: 1) protecting the confidentiality of a parent who surrenders a child; 2) requiring safe haven sites to post uniform signage; 3) expanding the definition of a safe haven site to include any location designated by a board of supervisors; 4) require a safe haven site to notify child protective services (cps) as soon as possible after an infant is surrendered; 5) requiring cps to report information regarding the child to the California Missing Children Clearinghouse and National Crime Information Center; and 6) clarify that possession of the ankle bracelet identification does not establish parentage or a right to custody of the child.	Chapter 150 of 2003
SB 186	Murray	Support (Board Memo: 7/17/03)	Would prohibit the initiating, sending, or advertising of unsolicited commercial e-mail and authorize a recipient, internet service provider, or the Attorney General to recover actual damages as well as liquidated damages of \$1,000 per e-mail and \$1 million per incident. This measure defines unsolicited e-mails as instances where the recipient has not provided direct consent, and situations whereby a recipient does not have a "pre-existing or current business relationship".	Assembly Floor
SB 196	Kuehl	Support if Amended to provide an exemption from the conflict of interest clause in Section 13388 of the Water Code (Board Memo: 5/27/03)	Would require that persons appointed to fill the seats on the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) be a city council member or mayor, and a county supervisor, respectively. The current requirement is simply that the respective appointees be "associated" with municipal government and county government.	Governor's Desk
SB 223	Margett	No Position Support (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care. PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the requirement to dispense generic drugs to individuals whose injuries are covered by workers' compensation to hospitals, clinics, and physicians.	Conference Committee
SB 228	Alarcon	No Position Support if Amended to retain the existing 90-day time frame for determining employee liability (Board Memo: 5/16/03)	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care. PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited fees for workers' compensation medical services from exceeding 120 percent of the Medicare fee schedule for all medical services, including outpatient surgical services and pharmaceutical services and reduced the 90 day presumption of compensability to 60 days.	Conference Committee

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SB 354	Speier	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (Board Memo: 5/16/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) increased the maximum fine for violation of fraud provisions of workers compensation law and/or the insurance code from \$50,000 to \$100,000, 2) limited chiropractic care to no more than 15 one-hour visits unless the employee receives authorization from a medical doctor; 3) prohibited physician referrals to surgical outpatient centers where the physician or his/her family has a financial interest; and 4) required the State to develop medical utilization guidelines for use in the workers' compensation system and to establish an independent medical review process.	
SB 358	Figueroa	Support (Board Memo: 7/22/03)	Would create the Vocational Nurse Education Program to provide scholarships, educational loans, and loan repayment programs for vocational nursing students who agree in writing prior to completion of school to serve in a county health facility, state-operated health facility, or health manpower shortage area. The program would be funded by a \$5 license renewal assessment for vocational nurses. The bill would also increase the license renewal assessment for registered nurses from \$5 to \$10 to fund a similar existing program for registered nursing students.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 365	Johnson	Support (Board Memo: 3/14/03)	Would amend workers' compensation law to require that employment must be the predominant cause of injury, as compared to all other causes combined, in determining eligibility for benefits and would preclude benefits for an injury that is caused by a criminal act committed by the employee for which he or she has been convicted.	Failed Passage in Senate Labor and Industrial Relations; Reconsideration granted
SB 430	Johnson	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/1/03)	Would revise existing primary election laws to mandate that the Statewide direct primary election be held on different days than the presidential primary elections, and require the Statewide direct primary election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September of each even-numbered year instead of the first Tuesday in March in each even-numbered year, beginning in 2008.	Assembly Floor
SB 440	Burton	Oppose (Board Memo: 7/7/03)	Would provide that if certain public safety employee organizations request binding arbitration on economic issues when they are at impasse with an employing local government, the decision of the arbitrator is final, unless it is overturned by the unanimous decision of the local governing body.	Governor's Desk

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SB 457	McPherson	No Position Support if Amended to indicate clearly that the 25% penalty applies only to the payment that was actually or unreasonably delayed or refused, rather than on all past, present and future payments (Board Memo: 4/21/03)	NOW: Was amended to express legislative intent to have the State Division of Workers' Compensation review current provisions of law regarding penalizing and deterring unreasonable late and denied benefit payments. PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended workers' compensation law by requiring an employer to voluntarily rectify the delay or refusal to pay a workers' compensation payment within 20 days or face a 25 percent penalty. This measure would have also established a one year statute of limitation from the date of delay or refusal for a penalty claim to be filed. Existing law provides for a 10 percent penalty for unreasonably delay or refusal to pay workers' compensation and applies to all past, present and future payments despite the fact that past payments have been made on time.	Senate (Concurrence in Assembly Amendments)
SB 465	Soto	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/1/03)	Would amend existing redevelopment law to: 1) allow local governments to establish new Transit Village Redevelopment Plans (TVRP) centered on a rail transit station, and extending up to one-half mile from the rail station; 2) make affordable housing a "characteristic" to be addressed by a TVRP; 3) create new "blight" criteria for TVRP projects; and 4) extend the tax increment benefit to 60 years.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 469	Scott	Support (Board Memo: 3/13/03)	Would authorize a school district to use its allowance from the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program to purchase instructional materials for the visual and performing arts, foreign language, and health, if it certifies that it has provided each pupil with standard text books or basic instructional materials in reading/language arts, mathematics, history/social science and science.	Assembly Floor
SB 537	Romero	No Position Oppose (Board Action: 5/13/03)	NOW: Was recently amended to require the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to prepare a report by July 1, 2004. PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited the County from permitting the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF) to exceed the current limit of 4,000 tons per day of waste recycling by more than five percent.	Senate Desk

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SB 593	Ackerman	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/30/03)	NOW: Still does the same, but was amended to: 1) change the starting date for implementation of the bill from FY 2004-05 to FY 2005-06; 2) change the method in which commercial aircraft would be valued that is counter to the codified settlement agreement between airline companies and counties regarding the valuation of commercial aircraft; and 3) use funding from the existing State-County Property Tax Administration Grant Program to provide the BOE with revenues to administer provisions of the bill.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
		Oppose (Board Memo: 3/28/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have shifted responsibility for the assessment of personal property owned by commercial air operators from the County Assessor to the State Board of Equalization beginning in Fiscal Year 2004-05 which could have resulted in inaccurate assessments that would reduce County revenues.	
SB 629	Soto	Oppose (Board Memo: 3/13/03)	Would provide a presumption of job-relatedness to licensed health care professionals who develop a blood-borne infectious disease, thereby entitling them to receive workers' compensation or disability retirement benefits if they contract a blood-related or infectious disease.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 663	Speier	Support (Board Memo: 6/18/03)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to address County concerns.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
		Support if Amended to allow a sale to be delayed for a period not to exceed four years (Board Memo: 5/14/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the tax collector, with regards to tax-defaulted property subject to sale, to: 1) make an additional attempt to contact the owner-occupant in person or by telephone no less than 10 days prior to the date of sale if the home is subject to a homeowner's exemption and the first attempt to contact the owner-occupant is unsuccessful; and 2) remove the property from the sale if contact is not made after this additional attempt, and prohibit the property from being offered for sale until personal contact is made or the homeowner's exemption is removed.	
SB 714	Battin	Support (Board Memo: 4/23/03)	NOW: Was amended to delete the 10 percent cause threshold and retain the current law that stipulates that benefits be paid even if the current injury represents as little as 1 percent of the cause but still apportions a disability to non-work related causes.	Failed Passage in Senate Labor and Industrial Relations; Reconsideration granted
		Support (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that all reports and medical exams submitted to the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to determine employee disability or compensation awards address the percentage that the work-related illness, disease or injury contributed to the employee's disability or death and provide that permanent disability or death benefits are not payable unless the work-related injury contributed at least 10 percent to the cause or disability when compared to all other causes in total.	

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SB 726	Romero	County-Sponsored	Would authorize a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local alcohol tax on the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits when they are sold for on-site consumption.	Senate Revenue and Taxation
SB 757	Poochigian	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (Board Memo: 6/23/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the implementation of medical treatment utilization guidelines and protocols for use in the workers' compensation system. The utilization guidelines and protocols would have been based on standards used in other medical benefit systems as recommended by the State Commission on Health, Safety and Workers' Compensation.	
SB 867	Burton	Oppose (Board Memo: 4/4/03)	Would add acupuncturist to the definition of physician for purposes of appointment as a Qualified Medical Evaluator in the workers' compensation system.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
SB 892	Murray	Support (Board Action: 6/24/03)	Would require every public school, as a condition of receipt of apportionments from the State School Fund, to keep restroom facilities open at all times during school hours and to ensure that they are regularly maintained, cleaned, fully operational, and stocked with soap and paper supplies.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 899	Poochigian	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (Board Memo: 6/10/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited a physician from referring a person with a workers' compensation case to outpatient surgery facilities where the physician or his or her family has a financial interest.	
SB 919	Ortiz	Support (Board Action: 6/10/03)	Would add code enforcement officers, which includes any person who has enforcement authority for health, safety, and welfare requirements, to the list of specified officers or other persons protected under the Penal Code, and provides expansion of the protection statute if a person commits assault or battery against a code enforcement officer such as the County's Environmental Health Specialists.	Governor's Desk
SB 921	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 4/29/03)	Would declare the intent of the Legislature to implement a single payer universal health care system in California.	Assembly Health

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SB 957	McClintock	Support (Board Action: 4/22/03)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action to relieve traffic congestion that presents a severe threat to the safety and economic well-being of any region. This measure authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day and would require the California Department of Transportation to determine the average daily vehicle hours of delay for each highway in the State, rank each highway based on the average delay, and prepare an annual report to the Governor and Legislature.	Failed Passage in Senate Transportation
SCR 5	Scott	Support (Board Memo: 3/13/03)	Would declare the Legislature's acknowledgment and support of standards-based instruction in the visual and performing arts in all California public schools, pre-kindergarten through grade 12.	Assembly Floor
SJR 6	Soto	Support (Board Memo: 3/14/03)	Would call upon the Congress of the United States to provide additional funding to the states for first responder training as part of homeland security funding.	Assembly Floor
SJR 7	Karnette	Support (Board Memo: 5/7/03)	Would request the President and Congress to maintain the present Federal restrictions on truck lengths and weights included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21 st Century (TEA-21), and resist any changes in subsequent legislation.	Resolution Chapter 103 of 2003
SR 23	Murray	Support (Board Action: 6/24/03)	Would call upon the United States Navy and Department of Transportation to preserve a national aviation asset by approving the City of Los Angeles's offer to lease the El Toro marine base and operate the facility as a civilian passenger and cargo airport.	Senate Desk

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AB 4X	Wesson	Support (Board Memo: 1/23/03 and Board Action: 1/28/03)	Would amend current law to clarify that the Director of Finance is responsible for implementing the "trigger" provision in existing law that restores the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) rate in the event that the State General Fund is insufficient to finance "backfill" payments to local governments.	Died at Assembly Desk
SB 1X	Poochigian	No Position but support the provisions of SB 1X which suspend Chapter 938 of 2001 and Chapter 6 of 2002 (Board Action: 4/1/03)	Would suspend various statutes related to overtime, prevailing wages, workers' compensation benefit increases, labor standards, and payment of workers' compensation premiums by temporary agencies until a proclamation by the Governor is issued declaring that the California economy has fully recovered from the current economic recession. Urgency measure.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations
SB 5X	Romero	Support (Board Memo: 1/29/03)	Would establish a five-cent fee per alcoholic beverage distributed by a wholesaler to a retailer for consumption in the State of California to fund local emergency medical services providers. Those providers include emergency rooms, trauma centers, and emergency medical professionals and other entities which provide services in alcohol-related emergencies.	Senate Desk